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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

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THOMAS PAUL (#468726)

DOCKET NO. 13-CV-2314; SEC. P

**VERSUS** 

JUDGE JAMES T. TRIMBLE, JR.

TIM KEITH, ET AL.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE KIRK

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pro se Plaintiff Thomas S. Paul filed the instant civil rights complaint in forma pauperis and pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983. Plaintiff is incarcerated at the Winn Correctional Center in Winnfield, Louisiana. He alleges that he was subjected to unconstitutional conditions of confinement. Plaintiff names as defendants Warden Tim Keith and Chief Tommy Glover. He seeks compensatory damages of \$250,000 from each defendant.

This matter has been referred to the undersigned for review, report, and recommendation in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636 and the standing orders of the Court.

On November 12, 2013, Plaintiff was ordered to supplement and amend his complaint within thirty days to provide additional factual allegations in support of his claim. [Doc. #5] More than sixty days have passed, and Plaintiff has failed to comply with the Memorandum Order of the Court.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule (FRCP) 41(b) permits dismissal of claims "[i]f the plaintiff fails to prosecute or to comply with ... a court order...." The district court also has the inherent authority to dismiss an action sua sponte, without motion

by a defendant. <u>See Link v. Wabash R.R.Co.</u>, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962). "The power to invoke this sanction is necessary in order to prevent undue delays in the disposition of pending cases and to avoid congestion in the calendars of the [d]istrict [c]ourts." <u>McCullough v. Lynaugh</u>, 835 F.2d 1126, 1127 (5th Cir. 1988).

## Conclusion

THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED that Plaintiff's complaint be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE in accordance with FRCP 41(b) for his failure to comply with the Court's order.

## Objections

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(C) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b), the parties have fourteen (14) calendar days from service of this Report and Recommendation to file specific, written objections with the clerk of court. No other briefs or responses (such as supplemental objections, reply briefs, etc.) may be filed. Providing a courtesy copy of the objection to the magistrate judge is neither required nor encouraged. Timely objections will be considered by the district judge before he makes his final ruling.

FAILURE TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED FINDINGS,
CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WITHIN
FOURTEEN (14) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ITS SERVICE SHALL BAR
AN AGGRIEVED PARTY, EXCEPT UPON GROUNDS OF PLAIN ERROR, FROM
ATTACKING ON APPEAL THE UN-OBJECTED-TO PROPOSED FACTUAL FINDINGS

AND LEGAL CONCLUSIONS ACCEPTED BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, this

of January, 2014.

JAMES D. KIRK

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE